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BOX: Missing Parts

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Incomplete reply dated June 3, 2002.
Enclosed herewith is a set of substitute drawings Fig. 1, Fig. 2A and 2B, Fig. 3 and Fig. 4 to comply with the Notice to file substitute drawings.

Preliminary Amendment

Please amend the specification at page 3, line 24 as follows:

Figure 2A and Figure 2B illustrate the construction of the Dunaliella Salina expression plasmid pCAMBIA-CtxB-SS1 containing recombinant HBsAg.

A marked up copy of the amendment is shown in the Appendix.

REMARKS

To complete the response, please replace the original drawings Fig. 1 to Fig.

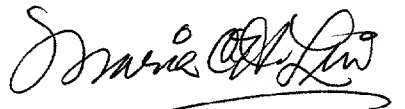
3 with the substitute drawings. Fig. 2A and Fig. 2B are supported by originally filed Fig. 2, which was separated into two parts to fit on the size of the paper and to provide sufficient font size of the lettering in the Fig. 2A and 2B. Fig. 1, Fig. 3 and Fig. 4 are supported by the originally filed drawings. The only terms in Chinese were in Fig. 2A. These have now been translated into English and reads as Primer 1, Primer 2 and Primer 3, Primer 4. All terms of the filed drawings are now all in English and complies with the requirements. No new matter has been entered by the preliminary amendment and the substitute drawings. Entry of the substitute drawings and the amendment is requested.

The margins of the drawings are now in compliance with the requirements.

Enclosed is a copy of the Notice of Incomplete Reply.

Applicants believe that no fee is required for this response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment which may be required for this response to Deposit Account No. 13-4500. Order No. 2896-4005. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

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APPENDIX

In the specification at Page 3, line 24: please rewrite as follows:

Figure 2A and Figure 2B illustrate[s] the construction of the *Dunaliella Salina* expression plasmid pCAMBIA-CtxB-SS1 containing recombinant HBsAg.

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